On March 19, Sri Lanka’s Minister of Education Akila Viraj Kariyawasam visited JIU’s Togane Campus in Chiba Prefecture. During his visit, the minister joined about a dozen of JIU’s Sri Lankan students to learn about college life in Japan. Kariyawasam also met with JIU President Kenji Sugibayashi to strengthen ties between Sri Lanka and Japan through educational exchange. This visit was made possible by the city of Sanmu — adjacent to JIU’s Togane Campus — which will host the Sri Lankan national team for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics.